

## Kentucky Nursing Laws: What You Don't Know... Can Hurt You

### Post Test (July 2005)

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1. The mission of the Kentucky Board of Nursing is to:
  - a. Advise the Governor about public health
  - b. Be an advocate for nurses and nursing
  - c. Protect public health and welfare
  - d. Set standards for nursing practice
2. Which of these actions may be grounds for potential discipline by the board?
  - a. A pattern of frequent absences on scheduled workdays
  - b. Questioning an order from a primary care provider
  - c. Telling a client that a second opinion may be advisable
  - d. Practicing without a current, active nursing license
3. Anyone with knowledge that a nurse or any other holder of a credential issued by the board who is practicing in an unsafe manner must:
  - a. Report the individual to the Board of Nursing
  - b. Encourage the client to file a malpractice suit
  - c. Try to get the individual fired from their job
  - d. Confront the individual and point out needed changes
4. Kentucky requires competency validation for license renewal. Which of the following is an acceptable item/activity for validating competence?
  - a. Assisting in data collection for a nursing research project
  - b. Completion of 10 hours of continuing medical education
  - c. Employment evaluation recommending termination
  - d. Publication of an article in a nursing journal
5. A holder of a credential issued by the Kentucky Board of Nursing is **legally** required to maintain on file with the board:
  - a. Copies of all education credentials
  - b. A current mailing address
  - c. A daytime telephone number
  - d. The name of an emergency contact

6. Each licensed nurse in Kentucky is:
  - a. Accountable to the client's physician for nursing care provided
  - b. Responsible for earning 30 hours of continuing education annually
  - c. Held individually accountable for her/his nursing practice
  - d. Protected by the employer's policies and procedures
7. Laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in Kentucky are enacted through:
  - a. Federal legislation
  - b. State legislation
  - c. Municipal legislation
  - d. Employer policies
8. You have an active, unencumbered license as an RN in Indiana. You have accepted a nursing position in Kentucky. Which of the following is required from the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) before beginning work?
  - a. Issuance of a current inactive license
  - b. Recognition of your Indiana license
  - c. Issuance of a temporary work permit
  - d. Sending you an application for licensure
9. The Kentucky Board of Nursing is a:
  - a. Governmental regulatory agency
  - b. Professional nursing organization
  - c. Division of the Cabinet for Health Services
  - d. Private organization that polices nurses
10. When a licensed nurse delegates a nursing task to an unlicensed assistant or aide, the nurse is responsible for assuring that the aide:
  - a. Can make independent nursing judgment
  - b. Is competent to perform the delegated task
  - c. Is capable of using the nursing process
  - d. Delegate the task to another unlicensed assistant
11. A nurse colleague has confided in you about her recreational use of cocaine. She is afraid it may eventually interfere with her ability to practice nursing. You advise her to:
  - a. Never talk with her nursing supervisor about the concern
  - b. Call you for support before she uses cocaine again
  - c. Do nothing since she is obviously not addicted
  - d. Refer herself to the Kentucky Alternative Recovery Effort (KARE) for Nurses

12. Which statement most accurately reflects the scope of practice for the licensed practical nurse (LPN) in Kentucky?
- a. Can function independently in any nursing role
  - b. Must work under the direction and supervision of an RN or MD
  - c. Cannot implement the nursing process
  - d. Practices under the supervising RN's license
13. Which of the following nursing tasks would it be appropriate for the nurse to assign an experienced nurse aide?
- a. Insertion of a peripheral IV catheter to initiate prescribed IV therapy
  - b. Collecting a sterile specimen from a urinary catheter
  - c. Admission assessment of a new patient
  - d. Obtaining vital signs for a group of stable patients
14. Licensed registered nursing practice in Kentucky includes which of the following?
- a. Making a medical diagnosis and prescribing therapy
  - b. Independently providing health teaching and counsel
  - c. LPN supervision of RNs in a long-term care facility
  - d. Admitting clients to a health care facility for treatment
15. A nurse had her license revoked 5 years ago. She wants to return to practice. How should she proceed?
- a. Petition the Board to allow her to renew her license
  - b. Apply to the Board to retake the licensure examination
  - c. Submit a written request to begin the reinstatement process
  - d. Accept a nursing position in a local MD's office
16. In addition to denial, revocation, or suspension of a license or certificate, the Board may take which of the following actions if it is determined that a licensee or certificate holder has violated Kentucky Nursing Laws?
- a. Recommend dismissal from current employment position
  - b. Report the violation of the law to the local police department
  - c. Require that legal counsel and mental health counseling be sought
  - d. Place conditions, limitations or restrictions on the license or certificate
17. Which of the following persons may obtain employment as a licensed nurse in Kentucky?
- a. Nursing students who have applied for the NCLEX examination
  - b. Individuals with current, active Kentucky license or temporary work permit
  - c. A person holding a current valid license in another state
  - d. An individual with an inactive Kentucky license

18. Which of the following job categories is not allowed to delegate nursing tasks?
- a. Dialysis Technician
  - b. Registered Nurse
  - c. Licensed Practical Nurse
  - d. Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
19. The name of the governmental regulatory body/agency that derives its duties and powers by enforcing the state laws pertaining to nursing licensure, education and practice.
- a. Kentucky Board of Nursing
  - b. Kentucky Nurses Association
  - c. Kentucky League for Nursing
  - d. Louisville Chapter of the Ostomy Association
20. Which of the following list is **not** a professional nursing association?
- a. American Association of Critical Care Nurses
  - b. American Nurses Association
  - c. Kentucky Board of Nursing
  - d. Kentucky Nurses Association
21. Beginning 1/1/2006, new graduates seeking licensure within the state of Kentucky will be required to complete a clinical internship prior to licensure:
- a. True
  - b. False
22. As of 1/1/2006, the type of license issued to new graduates within Kentucky will be called:
- a. Temporary work permit
  - b. ATT
  - c. Provisional license
  - d. License by endorsement
23. The length of time for the clinical internship is:
- a. 3 weeks full-time
  - b. 80 hours
  - c. 120 hours
  - d. Length of time is specified by employer
24. A new graduate can choose to take the NCLEX examination before completing the internship.
- a. True
  - b. False
25. You are aware that Kentucky has a mandatory reporting law. You would be required to report a Kentucky Nurse for all of the following except:
- a. practicing nursing without an active license or temporary work permit
  - b. exhibits behaviors inconsistent with safe, competent nursing practice
  - c. has been convicted of a misdemeanor/felony
  - d. has become certified as a Massage therapist